

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Verne Kreger on 6/26/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

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In claim 1 line 4, "stamped half pieces" is changed to --stamped pieces--. In line 5 "~~stamped~~ half pieces" is changed to --~~stamped~~ pieces--. In lines 9 and 10, "thereof for providing a threaded connector to an" is changed to --thereof providing a threaded connector connecting to an--.

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Claims 7-9 are cancelled.

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In claim 12, line 7, "~~stamped~~ half pieces" is changed to --~~stamped~~ pieces--. In line 8 "~~stamped~~ half pieces" is changed to --~~stamped~~ pieces--. In line 11, "connector to having" is changed to --connector having--. In line 12, "thereof for providing a threaded connector to the" is changed to --thereof providing a threaded connector connecting to the--.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: as to claim 1, the prior art of record does not teach nor render obvious the overall claimed combination of a laminated ultrasonic end effector having two stamped pieces of sheet stock defining a cylindrical